

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, paragraph [00036].

Referring to Figs. 1, 2 and 9, a force spreading mortise plate 250 is attached to futon frame 10 at desired locations to enhance the durability and functionality of futon frame 10. For example, U.S. Patent No. 6,108,833 to Grossman et al. discloses the use and placement of a force spreading mortise plate. The force spreading mortise plate 250 located on perimeter 44 contains a detent 252 used to help the user convert the futon frame 10 from the bed position to the sitting position. Detent ~~250~~ 252 allows for rotation of the seat platform 24 coupled to back platform 26 when changing the futon from the bed position to the sitting position at a predetermined angle without the slipping of seat platform 24 with respect to back platform 26. This slipping of seat platform 24 will cause seat platform 24 to extend past cross-member 14 when the futon is placed in the sitting position more than what is designed for. This will then necessitate the need to exert an extra pushing force to seat platform 24 to place seat platform 24 in the properly designed position when the futon is placed in the sitting position. Detent 252 allows for the absence of the need to exert an extra pushing force onto seat platform 24 to firmly put seat platform 24 into place.

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